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SUBJECT: BLOC REPRESENTATION AT IRAQI CELEBRATIONS

REF: BAGHDAD 1353 (NOTAL)

1. THE RECENT EXECUTION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL ACCUSED OF  
COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IS HAVING AN ANTICIPATED BUT AS YET  
UNCLEAR IMPACT ON THE NUMBER AND LEVEL OF BLOC DELEGATIONS  
TO THE FORTHCOMING MAJOR CELEBRATIONS IN BAGHDAD (JULY 14--  
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20 YEARS SINCE THE OVERTHROW OF THE MONARCHY--JULY 17,  
10 YEARS OF BAATH RULE). THIS APPEARS TO BE THE CASE, IN  
PARTICULAR, WITH THOSE COUNTRIES THAT REPORTEDLY MADE  
HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE  
ACCUSED BEFORE AT LEAST SOME OF THEM WERE EXECUTED  
(USSR/GDR/BULGARIA/POLAND AND PERHAPS CZECHOSLOVAKIA)  
BUT WOULD NOT PROBABLY INCLUDE A NUMBER OF OTHERS

AS WELL.

2. BLOC AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN UNWILLING TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT, AND IT IS EVIDENTLY A TOPIC WHICH THEY DO NOT WISH TO DISCUSS. GDR AMBASSADOR LUGENHEIM AVOIDED ANY SPECIFICS BUT DID ADMIT THAT HE HAD RECENTLY MET WITH HIS "SOCIALIST" COLLEAGUES TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT. AS OF JULY 8, HE HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE EAST GERMAN DELEGATION, EITHER GOVERNMENTAL OR PARTY, BUT EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION "IN DUE COURSE."

3. COMMENT: FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, THE GOI IS ATTACHING CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE TO THE CELEBRATIONS THIS YEAR. DECISIONS AS TO HOW TO HANDLE THEIR REPRESENTATION MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR THE BLOC COUNTRIES AS THEY ATTEMPT TO BALANCE THE NEED TO CONTINUE SHOWING CONCERN OVER IRAQ'S ANTI-COMMUNIST DRIVE WITH THE NEED TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE PERSONS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT. WE HAVE THE OVERALL IMPRESSION THAT THE GOI IS GOING TO BE RATHER DISAPPOINTED.

4. THE SOVIETS, IN PARTICULAR, WILL HAVE SOMETHING RESEMBLING A DIFFICULT CHOICE, IN VIEW OF THE CALUMNY THAT IS BEING HEAPED UPON THEM THESE DAYS. WE NOTE THAT THE IRAQI-SOVIET CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED ON JULY 9 BY AMBASSADOR BARKOVSKY AND DR. ALI KHALLAF, DESCRIBED AS "ADVISOR" IN THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. FOR THE PROTOCOL-CONSCIOUS IRAQIS, THIS COULD CONSTITUTE A SNUB.  
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